

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 21, and amend claim 14, as shown below in the detailed listing of all claims which are, or were, in this application:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

13. (Previously presented) An inclusion complex of a lignan or lignan ester with a cyclodextrin, wherein the lignan is hydroxymatairesinol or a geometric isomer or stereoisomer thereof, and the lignan ester is an ester of said hydroxymatairesinol, where one or both of the phenolic hydroxyl groups of hydroxymatairesinol are replaced by R'-CO-O or R'-SO<sub>2</sub>-O, wherein R' is a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> alkyl, alkenyl, arylalkyl, aralkenyl, or an aromatic group, and R' is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more hydroxy groups and/or one or more carboxyl groups, an oxo group or an amino group.

14. (Currently amended) The complex according to claim 13, wherein the cyclodextrin is  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin,  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin,  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin or a derivative thereof selected from the group of methyl

derivatives, hydroxyalkyl derivatives, and sulfoalkylether derivatives.

15. (Previously presented) The complex according to claim 14, wherein the cyclodextrin is a natural cyclodextrin.

16. (Previously presented) The complex according to claim 14, wherein the cyclodextrin is  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin or hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin.

17. (Previously presented) The complex according to claim 13, wherein both of the phenolic hydroxy groups in hydroxymatairesinol are replaced by R'-CO-O or R'-SO<sub>2</sub>-O.

18. (Previously presented) A food product comprising a complex according to claim 13 and a foodstuff.

19. (Previously presented) The food product according to claim 18, wherein said foodstuff is a member selected from the group consisting of a functional food, a nutritional supplement, a

nutrient, a pharmafood, a nutraceutical, a clinical nutrition product, a health food and a designer food.

20. (Previously presented) A dietary supplement composition comprising a complex according to claim 13 and an acceptable carrier.

21. (Canceled).